

IN THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims:

Claims 1. (*Currently Amended*) A medical device to remove hubs used in intravenous tubing, comprising:

a pair of pivotally connected arms, each arm having a first end and a second end, and a central portion between the first end and the second end, the arms being pivotally connected about midway between the first end and the second end, each arm having a thickness;

a ring integrally formed in the first end of each said arm, the ring defining a ring handle;

a ratchet extending from each arm adjacent the ring handle, each ratchet having a plurality of ratchet teeth defined therein, the ratchets extending towards each other; and

a jaw integrally formed in the second end of each arm, each jaw having a block shape ~~thicker than the central portion and first end of the arm, the jaws projecting from the central portion of the arms towards each other, each jaw having a semicylindrical recess defined therein~~ and a thickness greater than the thickness of each said arm, wherein each said jaw comprises an upper projection having a planar face, a lower projection having a planar face and a semicylindrical recess defined between the upper projection and the lower projection, such that when said ring handles are drawn together each

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said jaw abuts together to form a cylindrical bore, the semicylindrical recess having a plurality of teeth defined therein;

whereby the jaws are adapted for extending around the hub locked in a firm grip by engagement of the ratchets in order to clamp the hub between the jaws.

Claim 2. *(Canceled)*

Claim 3. *(Currently Amended)* The medical device according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of each said jaw is between about 3/8 to 5/8 inches ~~thick~~.

Claim 4. *(Currently Amended)* The medical device according to claim 1, wherein ~~each said jaw comprises an upper projection and a lower projection defining the recess, each of the projections having a planar face, the planar faces of the upper and lower projections abutting when said ring handles are drawn together so that the semicylindrical recesses form a~~ the cylindrical bore having has a diameter between about 3/8 inch and one-half inch.

Claims 5-8. *(Canceled)*